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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARKS OFFICE**

August 5, 2003

**Re: Our File: 055549-0008**  
**Invention: PLASTIC FRAME ASSEMBLY FOR BEARING WEIGHT**  
**AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLY**  
**Application No.: 09/997,962 09/977 962**  
**Filed: October 17, 2001**  
**Country: United States**  
**Inventor: Gary Nell, Miles Keller, Scott Billings, Richard Scheps**  
**and Mark Lekhter**  
**Examiner: Peter R. Brown**  
**Art Unit: 3636**  
**Due Date: August 7, 2003**

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
U.S.A. 20231

Dear Sirs:

Agent for Applicant acknowledges receipt of office action dated May 7, 2003 and responds as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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